Impact of disinvestment on Indian Airlines

460. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the impact of disinvestment in Indian Airlines;

(b) when this process will be completed;

(c) whether the services in Civil Aviation will improve by this method;

(d) what will be Government's role in this sector in the future; and

(e) the steps which are under consideration to bring in private participation in the civil aviation sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The disinvestment of Indian Airlines is expected to result in improved air-services, efficiency and financial performance.

(b) The process will be completed expeditiously, but it is difficult to indicate the exact time at this stage.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government will provide appropriate policy, legal and regulatory framework to ensure safe, secure, efficient and wide-spread air-services, which also contribute to social and economic development of the country.

(e) Private sector participation in civil aviation sector is being ensured through progressive policies for operation of private airlines, airport management etc.

Time frame for modernisation of Airports

461. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India has not been able to modernise all of its five international airports to meet the growth of traffic and operations; and

(b) if so, what is the time frame within which this modernisation and update programme will be achieved?